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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 3 and 16 June 1955, the ration strength of the 2nd Mtz Rifle Regt at Prenzlau including division units stationed at the same post was 2,403 and 2,322 officers, NCOs, and EM respectively. On 15 June, the recruits who had been trained for 6 weeks in the 3rd Battalion of the regiment, were distributed among the individual special units of the regiment and the division units.^{1), 2)} 25X1
2. Most of the recruits who arrived in Prenzlau during the first half of June, were sent to Torgelow. A total of 25 NCOs were also transferred to Torgelow.
3. The 1st Mtz Rifle Regt of the division was stationed at Pinnow, while the 3rd Mtz Rifle Regt, the Art Regt, and the Tank Regt of the division were stationed at Torgelow.¹⁾
4. In early June, 11 officers of the PK School (school for political officers) at Treptow were sent for training purposes to the division. The officers were to be on detached service for three weeks.³⁾
5. Between 16 and 30 June, the division received about 200 recruits. During the same period, 50 NCOs and older EM who were not qualified as assistant instructors were transferred to Torgelow. It was originally [REDACTED] units of the division would have reached their authorized [REDACTED] May.²⁾
6. The units of the 2nd Mtz Rifle Regt continuously underwent field training and training in firing in addition to practicing night marches. On 22 June, the reconnaissance battalion of the division held a joint exercise with the reconnaissance company of the 2nd Mtz Rifle Regt in "Grosse Heide" (large heath) near Prenzlau. On 23 June, night training was conducted by the motor transport company of the 2nd Mtz Rifle Regt. All vehicles of the company participated. Between 4 and 31 July, the signal battalion, the reconnaissance battalion, the bakery and headquarters company as well as the flash and sound-ranging unit of the division were scheduled to be assembled in the Gross Schoenebeck area south of Schorfheide for summer training. A major exercise of the entire division which was also scheduled to take place in the Gross Schoenebeck area was under preparation.⁴⁾

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7. The following information was obtained on the ration strength of division units, status 1 July:

a. Division units

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number of Officers, NCOs, and EMs</u>
Headquarters	135
Headquarters Company	65
Motor transport unit	83
Motor vehicle repair shop	68
Schutzkompanie (gas company?)	75
Signal battalion	
Bakery company	681
Driver school	
Hospital	82
Total	1,189

b. 2nd Mtz Rifle Regt

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number of Officers, NCOs, and EMs</u>
Headquarters	106
Regimental school	212
Motor transport company	77
AT, AAA, mortar and SP-gun units	171
Reconnaissance unit	34
Signal unit	54
Engineer unit	48
1st battalion	215
2nd battalion	170
3rd battalion	254
dispensary and under arrest	26
Total	1,367

The recruits who arrived in the second half of June were being trained in the 3rd battalion.^{1), 2)}

8. The Schutzkompanie (gas company) which was directly assigned to the division was being given field training with gas masks. The decontamination of chemically contaminated terrain was also practiced.¹⁾

9. On 23 June, a 3-axle sedan occupied by about six KVP soldiers who wore camouflaged uniforms and 13 or 14 motorcycles with sidecars each of them occupied by three KVP soldiers armed with submachine guns and wearing black crash helmets were seen proceeding from the "Kleine Heide" training area toward Prenzlau. Firing with rifles was practiced at the firing ranges southwest of "Kleine Heide".¹⁾

1. Comment. The KVP units mentioned were confirmed at their previous posts. 25X1
2. Comment. It appears that the training and later assignment of recruits followed directives in force with the mechanized division Eggesin. 25X1
3. Comment. The detachment of officers attending the political school at Treptow to KVP units for practical training was also reported from other KVP posts. 25X1
4. Comment. It appears that the KVP summer training started on a limited scale in late June 25X1

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